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Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation

Federal program offers additional weeks of jobless benefits

Congress and the President have approved up to 13 weeks of additional unemployment benefits to jobless workers across the country, including Michigan. The Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) program is fully federally funded and is intended for those who exhaust their regular state benefits.

Who qualifies?

Under federal law unemployed workers may qualify for the benefits if they:

- Are not currently working full-time;
- Have exhausted all rights to regular state unemployment insurance (UI) benefits;
- Have no entitlement to other state, federal or Canadian UI benefits; and
- Have a new or additional claim for state UI benefits and a benefit year ending after **March 10, 2001**.

Those now collecting Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA) must apply for TEUC benefits and exhaust those benefits before they are again eligible for TRA.

What are the eligibility requirements?

Eligibility requirements for those claiming TEUC are exactly the same as those for the regular state UI program. Workers must be unemployed and able to work, be available for work and be actively seeking work. TEUC claimants must also be registered for work with their local *Michigan Works!* Agency, unless the requirement is waived. They may need to re-register if their registration is a year old or older.

How much will a person receive?

Jobless workers will generally receive the same weekly benefit amount in TEUC as they did in their most recent regular state UI benefit claim and be eligible for half the number of weeks to which they were entitled in their most recent benefit year. They may receive up to 13 weeks of TEUC

The first week for which TEUC was payable was the week ending **March 16, 2002**.

The last week for which TEUC is payable is the week ending **December 28, 2002**.

Additional TEUC benefits may be available

An additional period of TEUC, called TEUC-X, is payable if the state's insured unemployment rate (IUR) reaches 4.0% or higher at the time a jobless worker exhausts his/her original TEUC benefits. These benefits will the same length and amount as TEUC.

How to file for TEUC?

TEUC applications will be automatically mailed to unemployed workers potentially eligible for the program.

Those who do not receive a TEUC application by mail and believe they qualify can pick up an application and file a TEUC claim at their local office of the Unemployment Insurance Agency any time after Thursday, March 21, 2002. Unemployed workers can also download an application form from the UIA website (www.michigan.gov/uia).

Those who apply for TEUC in person at a local UIA office should take with them the following:

- Proof of identification;
- Proof of Social Security number; and
- The complete names and addresses of all their employers for the past two years. Paycheck stubs or W-2 forms from these employers would be very helpful.

Call MARVIN to certify

Once jobless workers establish their TEUC claims, they will need to certify every two weeks by calling MARVIN. Jobless workers must certify that they are still unemployed and meet the eligibility requirements. They will call the same MARVIN number they used while claiming state UI benefits.

Questions?

Those with questions about their TEUC claims can call a special unit set up by the Unemployment Insurance Agency. The unit's toll free telephone number is **1-866-241-0152**. Starting Monday, March 25, staff will take calls from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.